

2010-2011 SES Provider Application Questions and Answers #9 February 19, 2010

Question #I

What is the minimum score needed to be approved to be an SES Provider?

Answer #1

All applicants that receive a score of 88% or more will be approved to be an SES Provider for the 2010-2011 school year. Please feel free to view the Technical Assistance videos posted on the SES Provider Application website for more details (http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/ses/provider-application.html).

Question #2

Part Two, Section I, Question 2 states:

"Provide a description of the methodology that will be used to collect the evidence provided in #I".

I need clarification as this asked "what will be used". We are an established organization, I believe this to mean to provide more detailed information, like research, about the assessments that were used and how the evidence was collected in the past several years to show our effectiveness. Is this correct? Please clarify.

Answer #2

The question you have shared is actually from Part Two, Section I of the application, question 2a in the Note section.

In Part Two, Section I of the application, applicants must make a decision as to whether they are applying as an established organization or a new organization/new program. Applicants such as your organization that are applying as established organizations should answer Questions I, 2, and 3 in Part Two, Section I of the application. Question 2 for established organizations asks applicants to "Provide a description of the methodology used to collect [the] evidence" shared in Question #1. Details clarifying this question are shared in the response to Question #7 in the February I2, 2010 Application FAQs posted on the SES Provider application website (http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/ses/provider-application.html).

Applicants applying as new organizations or new programs of established organizations should answer questions Ia and 2a in the Note section of Part Two, Section I of the application.

Question #3

I specifically want to verify that SES is a contract program, not a grant, and to know....

- A) How does a provider receive funds?
- B) What is the process to request funds from the Indiana Education Department or the school?
- C) What is the time frame in which a provider requests funds and then receives them?

Answer #3

- A) SES is not a grant. In addition, being approved as an SES Provider does not guarantee an organization will receive a contract with a school district or funding. If an organization submits an SES Application and the organization is approved to become an SES Provider in Indiana, this means the organization will be placed on Indiana's approved SES Provider List which is shared with school districts and parents. Since SES is based on parent choice, an approved SES Provider serves students only if a parent(s) selects the provider to tutor their child. Once a parent selects a provider, the school district will enter into a contract with the provider. The provider will then begin tutoring the student and submitting invoices and other required documentation to the district in order to receive payment for tutoring services that have been rendered. So, it is important to note that if parents do not select a provider, the provider will not provide SES tutoring and will not enter into a contract with school districts or receive any payments.
- B) Organizations do not request funds from the Indiana Department of Education to provide SES. Organizations interested in becoming an approved SES Provider in Indiana must submit an SES Provider Application and receive a score of 88% or more to be approved. For more details, please see the response to 3a above and also review either of the Technical Assistance videos posted on the SES Application Website (http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/ses/provider-application.html).
- C) Please see responses to 3a and 3b

Question #4

We are interested in applying to be an SES provider in Indiana. We are publishers of intervention and afterschool materials used in SES programs in other states. We do not provide the tutors, nor are we equipped to select and set up locations for tutoring. Does this disqualify us from be approved?

Answer #4

Applicants that receive a score of 88% or more will be approved to become SES Providers. Your organization is encouraged to review one of the Technical Assistance videos posted on the SES Application website

(http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/ses/provider-application.html) and also to review the entire application to determine whether the programming you would like provide is an appropriate fit for SES. If you feel your programming is appropriate, please feel free to submit an application for review.